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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS # 5**  
**Request for Proposals High Resolution Geophysical Resource Survey**  
**For the Maryland Energy Administration**  
**PROJECT NO. DEXR240005**  
**September 10, 2012**

Ladies/Gentlemen:

This list of Questions and Answers #5, Question #26, is being issued to clarify certain information contained in the above named RFP. The statements and interpretations of Contract requirements which are stated in the following questions of potential Offerors, are not binding on the State, unless the State expressly amends the RFP. Nothing in the State's responses to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the State of any statement or interpretation on the part of the vendor asking the question as to what the contract does or does not require. However, if from a particular vendor question(s) it seems as if the vendor has misinterpreted RFP wording referenced in a question, the State's response typically will point out the misinterpretation as part of the answer to the question.

26. **QUESTION:** The State's response to Question 25 (Q&A Response #4, September 7, 2012) relative to multi-beam and side scan sonar requirements states that "No deviation for the 150m line spacing is necessary for side scan sonar or other survey activities under this RFP" However several places in the RFP describe requirements for "full coverage sides-scan sonar and multi-beam data (e.g., 2.2.2.c "mosaicked...to provide 100% coverage of Study Area"; 2.3.2.b "Line spacing for bathymetric charting using multi-beam ... and side scan sonar mosaic construction shall ... provide full coverage of the seabed .....). Can the State clarify if its desire is to:

A) acquire all survey data on a 150m by 1000m grid, which will not provide full coverage multi-beam and side scan sonar data

Or

B) acquire survey data on a 150m by 1000m grid PLUS infill survey lines to collect additional multi-beam and side scan sonar data so as to provide full-coverage multi-beam and side scan data coverage of the seafloor

**STATE RESPONSE:** The MEA response to Question #25 is revised by striking the sentence “No deviation for the 150m line spacing is necessary for side scan sonar or other survey activities under this RFP” (Question #25 of Q&A #4, September 7, 2012). MEA seeks at least 100% coverage of the study area for both multi-beam bathymetry and side scan sonar. Line spacing should be set to accommodate this requirement but at no time should line spacing be greater than 150m.

Should you require clarification of the information provided, please contact me via e-mail or (410) 260-7752 as soon as possible.

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